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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jessica Burns McNamara, who passed away on December 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jessica McNamara graduated from John Hersey High School in 1998 and attended Ball State University, graduating with a degree in elementary education in 2002; while attending Ball State, she was initiated into the Phi Mu Fraternity and was an active member of the Rho Gamma Chapter; and

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WHEREAS, Jessica McNamara spent 2004 living in Japan, teaching English to children and adults; in 2006, she moved to Louisiana, teaching 4th grade; in 2007, she began teaching at Tafton Academy in Hammond, Louisiana, teaching 4th grade there for the next 7 years; she was dedicated to her students, making sure they all received the best education she could give them; and

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WHEREAS, Jessica McNamara loved to read and listen to music, especially the Beatles; she also loved to sing, sew, and travel to visit friends; and

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WHEREAS, Jessica McNamara was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lucien Philip and May (nee Burns) Ordoyne; her

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1 grandfather, John Patrick McNamara, Sr.; and by her aunt and
2 godmother, Laura (nee Ordoyne) Monger; and

3 WHEREAS, Jessica McNamara is survived by her parents, John
4 Patrick II and Susan (nee Ordoyne) McNamara; her siblings,
5 Melissa Garrity McNamara and John Patrick McNamara III; her
6 grandmother, Margaret (nee Garrity) McNamara; and many aunts,
7 uncles, and cousins; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Jessica Burns McNamara, and extend our sincere condolences to
11 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Jessica McNamara as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.